

SOCIETY NEWS AND CHAT OF THE WEEK.

SOCIETY people fatigued themselves with the races to such an extent during the week just past that there was little desire left for other forms of entertainment, thus causing a remarkably quiet week for this season.

The first of December is always interesting, bringing back to town, as it does, the great majority of official society, who desert us at the close of Congress each season. There will be many new members in the Senate and House, and, as most of them are not only wealthy but worldly wise as well, additional entertainment may be expected from this branch of official society.

This week holds a far more interesting program than the one just closed. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt have issued invitations for a dinner at the White House Wednesday evening and again Friday of this week.

Tuesday there will be a tea at the home of Justice and Mrs. Charles H. Duell, 1631 Massachusetts avenue, to introduce to society their daughter, Miss Mary Louise Duell. Upon the same day Senator and Mrs. Foraker will give a dinner party, the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand will entertain in the same manner for the Russian Ambassador and Baroness Rosen; Mrs. Richard Wayne Parker will introduce her daughter, Miss Eleanor Parker, to society at a tea; Miss Seckendorf will give a luncheon, as will, also, Miss Perkins, and Robert Bradley will introduce his daughter, Miss Madeline Bradley, to society.

Wednesday evening, the large reception given at the Arlington for Mrs. Donald McLean, president of the D. A. R., by the District daughters, will engage not only the attention of the members of the society, but some prominent guests besides, among whom will be members of the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, diplomats, Governor Higgins, of New York; Governor and Mrs. Warfield, of Maryland; the Sons of the American Revolution, and the escort for the daughters. The greatest possible elegance of appointment will obtain, Mrs. McLean receiving the guests, assisted by Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, regent of the District of Columbia Chapter.

The performance of Maxine Elliott, under the management of the Mt. Vernon Seminary Society, netted considerably over a thousand dollars, all of which goes to help along the free kindergarten in South-east Washington, and was, besides, one of the very smartest things to take place in Washington for a long, long time. That and the Thanksgiving dinner and dance at Chevy Chase were exceedingly merry contributions to the week's enjoyment.

Friday afternoon Senator Nabuco, the Brazilian ambassador, and Mme. Nabuco gave a reception for the members of the Diplomatic Corps, which, in point of brilliancy, was one of the foremost events of the season. One must attend an ambassador's reception to appreciate the exceedingly nice manner in which they look to detail. Accustomed to the ordinary official reception in Washington, it proves truly a revelation in forethought.

Mme. Nabuco is a woman accustomed to society, and from the arrangement of flowers and refreshments to the service rendered by her servants and the charming attention given the guests by the secretaries and their wives—all such pretty women—the affair was perfect. Mme. Nabuco wore a very Spanish looking gown of chiffon cloth and lace.

There was the dance at Washington Barracks Wednesday night, which had for its object the good of the Women's Army, Navy and Marine Relief, which looks out for the widows and orphans of these three branches of the military service of the country. All of the army and navy people went, and with them all of the younger element of society, who naturally follow the uniform element. These army and navy affairs are always a success, and why not—for as one pretty girl put it, "Let the men follow the flag, we'll follow the uniforms."

There were two debutant teas which called out society people, and flowers in quantities; the first event being the tea to introduce Miss Alice Shepard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitch Shepard, to society, and the one Friday for Miss Rose Isabel Greely, daughter of General Greely, U. S. A., the great explorer, and Mrs. Greely. Miss Greely is one of the prettiest girls presented here in a long time, divinely tall, with a wealth of dark hair and a complexion of milk and rose.

Under the auspices of the Women's Army and Navy League, society women will have charge of the Belasco for the nights of December 18 and 19, and matinee on the latter date, when some wealthy New York and New England people, who love to perform before the footlights, will give a benefit—society people will pay for seats in boxes and elsewhere and society girls will deliver the programs. The league has for its object one of the most beautiful charities imaginable—distributing books, papers, music, graphophones, and other means of diversion to soldiers and sailors stationed in the Philippines and far away places, where forms of amusement are generally confined to story telling, card playing, etc., and where good literature and music are not otherwise obtainable.

Now that the dinner and luncheon period is on again, a wise woman of the official world says she wishes there was a way of inducing a lot of outside chefs to come to Washington. She dined out three times last week, twice at dinner and once at luncheon, and declares that at every meal almost the same menu was served, and the dishes prepared and served in exactly the same manner. It just chanced that these three official hostesses each employ the same cook—a woman—and the same man to superintend the service. It was all right, of course, but monotonous, and if kept up all winter and the clientele enlarged, one would have a sensation of knowing just what they were to eat when accepting an invitation. Variety is good for the digestion, and then one likes the spice of surprise even in the menu at a dinner party.

The stereotyped cook is not the only evil—there is the monotonous style of the inevitable hairdresser who goes from house to house, and leaves every woman's hair, even to the waves fore and aft, in exactly the same position. Probably these are two of the tiresome evils which one must endure to the end of time at the Capital.

Personal Gossip

General Morteza, the Persian minister, has returned to Washington and beginning with the middle of December will observe Friday at home from 4 to 7. These affairs at the Persian legation were quite popular last season, when tea was poured from quaint metal pots, drunk from dainty porcelain cups, and served with rare imported dainties.

Senor Calderon, the minister from Bolivia, has bought a house at 1633 Sixteenth street, which will be remodeled and used as a legation. At present, the

minister and Mme. Calderon have a charming home at 1300 Seventeenth street, and will probably not move to the new residence until late next fall. Mme. Calderon is still suffering from an attack of the grip.

Mrs. Hope Slater was hostess for a dinner party last night, having as guests the Russian Ambassador and Baroness Rosen, Mrs. H. M. Slater, of Boston; Senator and Mrs. Hale, Arthur Hale, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Dunleton, Mrs. John C. Fremont, Mr. Hansen, of the Russian embassy, and Mr. Adossides.

Mrs. Taft, wife of the Secretary of War; Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Richardson Glover, and other prominent women are



interesting themselves in carrying to success a bridge tournament for the benefit of homeless dogs. The games will take place December 11, and society people generally are helping.

Lady Susan Townley, wife of Walter Beaupre Townley, counselor of the British embassy, was hostess at a luncheon yesterday for Sir Chentung Liang-Cheng, the Chinese minister, and his daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, Ernest Rennie, of the British embassy staff, Miss Schmore and Maxine Elliott. The latter, Mrs. Nat Goodwin, is a friend of Lady Susan Townley, and she has paid her the compliment to see her act at several performances during the past week, going for the last time last night, when she gave a box party.

Lady Susan will give a luncheon party today, when again her guests will meet Maxine Elliott.

Former Ambassador to Italy and Mrs. William F. Draper are expected in Washington December 8, and will open their house on Farragut Square for the winter.

Senator and Mrs. Hopkins will arrive in Washington today and will, as in past seasons, take an apartment at the New Willard.

Senator Penrose has engaged apartments at the New Willard, and is expected to arrive tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Perkins will introduce a pleasant innovation when they introduce their daughter, Miss Penelope Perkins, at a large luncheon, instead of the hackneyed tea, during this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Parsons, of New York, have arrived in town for the winter, and have opened their residence at the corner of Nineteenth and N

streets, owned by Miss Anna Spalding, niece of Senator Depew, and recently occupied by Commander and Mrs. Winslow, who will remain at their Newport estate for the winter.

Representative and Mrs. Underwood, of Alabama, are at Stoneleigh Court for the season.

Representative J. B. V. Alcott arrived in the city yesterday, and is at the New Willard.

General and Mrs. Greely have been entertaining for several days past the Rev. Charles Lawrence Adams, whose engagement to their second daughter, Miss Adola Greely, was announced a short time ago. Mr. Adams left the city yesterday for East Hampton, Mass., where he has a new charge. He was, previous to this, assistant to the bishop in the diocese of Salina, Miss Greely's wedding will probably be an affair of the spring.

Mrs. Charles Carleton Marsh, daughter of Admiral Robley D. Evans, will within the near future go to Fort Monroe as the guest of Mrs. Coumbe, and will remain until the Pennsylvania, of which ship Lieutenant Commander Marsh is executive officer. Mrs. Coumbe has been occupying the Evans cottage at Old Point for about a year and a half and expects to remain there while her younger son is attending the Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington, Va.

Mrs. Clinton Gardner has joined Com. and Mrs. A. C. Almy, U. S. N., and Miss Almy at 19 Vermont avenue.

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